

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1013

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting comprehensive anti-bullying programs and policies in schools, and the creation of an atmosphere of zero tolerance for bullying behavior in any place where children congregate.

WHEREAS, bullying consists of both direct behaviors such as teasing, taunting, threatening, hitting, or stealing; and indirect behaviors such as spreading rumors, using technology, or subtle attempts to cause social isolation against a target; and

WHEREAS, bullying has gone on too long, often with parents or teachers who are unaware of the problem or who fail to address it, and with children who fear that adult intervention will only bring more harassment from bullies; and

WHEREAS, bullying other children or being the target of bullying behavior puts children at risk for becoming violent adults engaging in domestic violence and child abuse; and those who stand by watching or even encouraging bullying are also affected by these hostile acts and may become desensitized to cruelty or fearful for their own safety:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature supports efforts by schools, school personnel, parents, and children to address and eliminate bullying, and to create a safe atmosphere where all children can coexist and learn without fear.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,
Concurred in by the Senate,

March 8, 2010
March 10, 2010

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Speaker of the House

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